



SOcially considered, Washington is almost as dull as that remarkable town in No-Man's Country, where things never occur. Nothing happened last week but weddings. Nothing but weddings are booked for the week to come. Except the election.

Our national statesmen are not having all the excitement to themselves. Their wives and daughters—to say nothing of their sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts—are in an equal state of ferment. Every woman at heart is a campaign document. And she pins her faith to the principles of her husband's party without considering it in the least necessary to know what those principles stand for.

Success or failure means a great deal to the candidates seeking political preferment, but it means everything to the women behind them—and, so, until next Tuesday's returns are in, society's votaries will have something more thrilling to occupy their time than the giving of dinners and candle-shaded teas. After the election will come Thanksgiving, with its family gatherings and week of junketings for the young people home from college and school. A week later, and Congress will convene, but it will not be until the President receives the world's representatives on New Year Day, that Queen Fashion will give the signal for the official gayeties of the winter to begin.

No woman in official life—always excepting the "First Lady"—attracts more interest than the wife of a new Cabinet member. The moment her husband accepts his portfolio she is put through a third degree examination of her life from birth to date, and called on for photographs of herself and children, and permission for "special artist" snapshots of the most innermost sanctuary of her home. This lasts until some other official gets appointed, or elected, or sworn in, when his wife must serve, in turn, as "copy" for that insatiable cyclops we call the Public Eye.

The various changes made in the Cabinet personnel within the last few months, have placed three hostesses in the glare of the social limelight—Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Metcalf, and Mrs. Wynne. Mrs. Morton, who is the only stranger within our gates, has established herself in her new home and is busy familiarizing herself with the social duties of her position. Mrs. Metcalf has made her winter home here for years—and everybody in Washington knows and loves our own little Mrs. Robert Wynne.

There are prophets who predict that the wives of Cabinet members will one day be eliminated from the line at the White House receptions. That time has not come yet, and those fortunate enough to expect cards for the coming state levees are looking forward with interest to "seeing for themselves" the new ladies to Mrs. Roosevelt's right, in the Blue room—Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Metcalf, and Mrs. Wynne.

Now that the Cope of Ascoli episode has been closed so graciously by Mr. Morgan, perhaps Italy will be encouraged to hope that she can also get back, even if she has to buy them. The Barberini tapestries for which English and American art lovers have paid prodigious prices. For instance, Mr. John R. McLean is said to have given \$100,000 for the famous weaves he bought from the Blakeslee galleries, in New York, not so long ago. Princess Barberini, who sold them from her palace walls, considering that she had a right to do what she pleased with her own property, sold to several purchasers from this country, notably Mr. Charles M. Frouke, whose gallery at his home in Massachusetts Avenue is said to contain the finest private collection of tapestries in the world.

France, too, at a rather late day, has concluded to hunt up the personal belongings of its poor beheaded Queen Antoinette. It is likely that this country alone contains enough bogus souvenirs from the French Queen's boudoir to overstock a museum, but once in awhile a collector is fortunate enough to get a really true article that once belonged to that ill-fated sovereign. Mr. Frances Colton, who has enriched his home in Connecticut Avenue with mementos of his world-wide travels, has a plate once owned by Marie Antoinette. His treasures also include a set of coffee cups designed by Napoleon with his own coat of arms—a swarm of golden bees across a ground of deepest blue.

It must give one curious sensations to handle a cup that proved stronger than an empire, and a plate less perishable than the neck of its one-time royal owner—a sensation, doubtless, that makes the collector feel that he is getting the worth of his money.

Diplomatic Corps

Baroness von Sternburg, who has been confined to the embassy for a few days from a slight indisposition, was well enough Friday afternoon to enjoy a long drive.

Countess Marguerite Casini returned to the Russian embassy yesterday.

Senora Calderon, wife of the Peruvian minister, and their two elder daughters, Senorita Adeline and Senorita Rosita, expect to return to Washington later in the month to spend the winter here instead of abroad, as they had intended. Before his departure with his family to his legation, and as his nephew and family, who were with him, have returned to Peru, and the minister will, himself, spend the greater part of the coming season in his native land, he has taken a smaller house.

The younger children have been put to school in Italy.

The Italian ambassador and Baroness des Planches, with their guests, M. and Mme. Lobel and the Misses Lobel, were entertained at dinner an evening or two ago by Rear Admiral and Mrs. Colby M. Chester.

Personal Gossip

Mrs. Roosevelt has invited the wives of the Cabinet members and a few personal friends to spend next Tuesday evening at the White House to receive the election returns.

On Wednesday morning, when, doubtless, Mr. Roosevelt will be the recipient of tumultuous congratulations, it will be the good fortune of John Morley, the English statesman, to be a guest at the White House at that most felicitous time.

Mrs. Wynne, wife of the new Postmaster General, gave a matinee party yesterday afternoon for her daughter, Ida, who is a student at the Georgetown College, and who was home for her Saturday holiday.

Mrs. John P. Jackson and Miss Jackson, who have been traveling abroad for two years and more, are back in their home in Connecticut Avenue, where they will spend the winter.

The Rev. Randolph McKim and Mrs. McKim have returned from their summer stay at Monterey, Pa.

Mrs. Daisy Stewart Lohg, daughter of the late Gen. George H. Stewart, will spend the winter with Mrs. William Thompson Harris, at 1221 I Street.

Mrs. Archibald Hopkins and the Misses Hopkins have closed their summer place in the Berkshires, and returned to their Washington home.

Henry E. Fellow is slowly recovering from his severe illness of the last few weeks and hopes soon to be able to go with Mrs. Fellow to their winter



SENORITA ELENA CALDERON.

Senorita Elena Calderon, daughter of the minister from Bolivia, will be presented to society at a tea to be given by Senora Calderon about the end of December. This very attractive candidate for social honors considers herself almost an American girl, as her mother was, before her marriage, Miss Yarnell, of Baltimore, and she herself was educated at the Girls' Latin School, near that city.

Senorita Calderon is eighteen years old; is an excellent pianist and converses fluently in English and French.

Joyed by all present, and Miss Marie McEwan and Andrew Oehmann contributed vocal and instrumental selections. Recitations were given by Joseph Twyman, Miss Mary Connor, and Miss Julia Collins, interspersed with a performance of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," by John Denny. Dancing was one of the main features of the evening. Miss Nellie Collins played the march while the guests repaired to the dining-room, where repast was served. Among those present were: Flora McQuade, Theresa Broderick, Ethel Keefe, Kate Kirby, Marie McEwan, Emma Boswell, Mary Wise, Margaret Langher, Birdie Dyer, Mary Connor, Nellie Julia, and Beatrice Collins; Messrs. E. Keefe, Edgar Clark, Maurice Flynn, Alvey McQuade, W. Blandford, Joseph Twyman, Hutchinson Whiting, Joseph Whiting, Andrew Oehmann, John Denny, C. L. Denny, Frank Coleman, Frank McCormick, Walter Holmes, William Ball, R. McGraw, Raymond Tyles, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, and their daughter, Camille.

A surprise party was given to Miss Alda Barrow Friday night, at the home of her aunt, Miss Amy Barrow, 129 Sixth Street northeast. Those present included the Misses Lucy Morris, Daisy Perry, Agnes Diver, Lena Downing, Lizzie Downing, Florence Dorson, Blanche Mills, E. Glading, Nellie Steward, Mrs. M. Dwyer, Mrs. Harding, Nelson, Mrs. K. Dwyer, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. S. Birbeck, and Messrs. M. Mills, Brown, R. Byrne, A. H. Scheid, C. Neilson, M. Downing, T. Perry, C. Barrow.

A pretty wedding of the week was that of Miss Annie Augusta Rau, and Darrell Clayton Crain, who were married on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rau, in Fifteenth Street, parents of the bride. A reception followed, at which a large number of relatives and friends offered congratulations and good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Crain are spending their honeymoon at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., and upon their return will go to housekeeping in their home, 75 Seaton Street northwest. They will be glad to see their friends after December 1.

A Chit-Chat. Miss Gay is occupying apartments for the winter at 1113 Seventeenth Street.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn, of Eighth Street, it being the seventh birthday of their daughter, Elsie. Games were enjoyed, and later refreshments were served. The house was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and plants.

The Halloween party given by Miss Emily Gardner, at her home, 1109 East Capitol Street, last Monday, was attended by a large number of her friends, who enjoyed the many pranks of the evening.

ARMY AND NAVY LEAGUE FETE. Society is much interested in the entertainment to be given on Friday at Fort Myer under the auspices of the Woman's Army and Navy League. The affair will begin at 2 o'clock, and continue until 7 in the evening.

Among the list of patronesses are: Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Audenreid, Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. George L. Andrews, Mrs. Tasker H. Bliss, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Cromwell, Mrs. Chester, Mrs. Converse, Mrs. Daltzell, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. T. F. Elliott, Miss Freeman, Mrs. Pinchot, Mrs. Aulick Palmer, Mrs. Rixey, Mrs. Rae, Mrs. Rufus Saxton, Mrs. Schley, Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Selfridge, Mrs. Van Ryeppen, Mrs. Wallace, of Fort Myer; Mrs. R. Wallace, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Gardner Hubbard, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Hornsby, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. John A. Johnston, Mrs. Kelton, Mrs. Lamberton, Mrs. Anson Mills, Mrs. Morton, of Fort Myer; Mrs. F. A. Miller, and Mrs. Simon Newcomb.

WEDDINGS. Cards have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon, of 1212 North Capitol Street, for the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Philip Buettner, of Wisconsin. The wedding will take place Thursday morning, November 17, at 9 o'clock, in St. Aloysius' Church. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents from 10.30 until 12.

Mr. Buettner has a position in the Treasury Department, and belongs to the law class of 1905 at George Washington University. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Miss Minnie Elizabeth Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schneider, and W. C. Ellinger will be married next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride, 86 L Street southeast. The Rev. James D.

Receptions. On Monday last the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John Collins was decorated with autumn leaves, and thronged with the many friends of the S. S. Club. Games and pleasures characteristic of the season were enjoyed.

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SENORITA ELISA WALKER-MARTINEZ.

Senorita Elisa Walker-Martinez will be presented to Washington society early in the winter at a reception to be given by the minister from Chile and Senora Walker-Martinez at their legation home. The minister is accredited to Mexico, as well as to this country, and Miss Walker-Martinez made her debut at the Mexican capital, when she was there with her parents in the early spring.

This young candidate for social laurels is unusually handsome and accomplished in many ways. She speaks English well, but having been educated almost entirely in France, prefers that language to ours.

Senora Walker-Martinez will give a series of afternoon teas this month, beginning with next Friday, and ending the last Friday in November, when Senorita Elisa Walker-Martinez will be presented to Washington society.

CLUB DISCUSSED. PLAY OF "MACBETH". The regular meeting of the Capitol Hill History Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Waterman, Bates Street northwest. The subject for discussion was "Macbeth." A synopsis of the play was given by Mrs. Shook. Papers were read by Mrs. Wood upon the Magna Charta, and by Mrs. Nichol upon the conquest of Scotland and Ireland by the English. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mattox, 61 Quincy Street northwest.

WANT TREES PLANTED ON COLUMBIA HEIGHTS. A committee from the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, headed by President Charles S. Bundy, of that organization, called on the Engineer Commission yesterday, and requested him to have trees planted on all the cross streets between Eleventh Street and Sherman Avenue on the heights, and on Eleventh Street along the line of the new Eleventh Street railway extension. It is thought that the committee's request for the trees will be granted.

ANNUAL VISITATION. Armistice Lodge, No. 25, F. A. A. M., will hold its annual visitation tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, Ninth and F streets.

During the evening Mr. Harting was presented with a watch and fob by his gentlemen friends. Several other gifts were received, among which was a bouquet of twenty-one chrysanthemums. After luncheon was served, a most enjoyable evening was drawn to a close by a dance, in which all the younger class participated.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harting, Mr. Henry Harting, Moniz Harting, J. W. Hilton, E. Fross, George H. H. George, George Potzler, Mrs. Cassidy, of Baltimore, Carroll Vehmeyer, Albert Krenz, Misses Bertha Perkins, of Hyattsville; Lena Brown, Lizzie Nau, Bessie Harting, Kate Brown, Lulu Nau, Martha Hilton, Lulu Harting, Katie Nau, Kate Steops, Thilla Harting, Annie Vehmeyer, Pauline Harting, Louise Vehmeyer, Lillian Callahan, Charles H. Dowd, Ed. Hutchins, Arn. Fenton, Walter A. Dowd, Frank Myers, Albert Fenton, Harry Davis, Art. Fenton, Al Vehmeyer, Dave Egan, Roy Kirch, W. J. Toy, Ed. Fletcher, George Garney, and Charles Harting, Jr.

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TRYING TO BREAK OLD MAIDS' CLUB

Plot of Young Men to Disrupt Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 5.—The "Old Maids' Club," composed of young women operators in one of the Indianapolis telephone exchanges, threatens to be disrupted. The young men who call on the young women through the week object to the young women attending theaters Thursday nights without escorts. For this and other reasons the young men have started a plan to break up the club.

An effort in this direction was made one evening recently. One of the young men who works in a railroad office sought to engage one of the members of the club for a dinner party. The young woman was confused at first and began stammering an explanation without telling the real reason for declining.

This young man is an affable person, and through his insistence the young woman promised to attend. She was true to the obligation taken at the formation of the club, and let her sister members know the fact. After the receiver was hung up she called up several friends and told them of the engagement with the young man.

The latter called up the young woman in the morning and told her that all would be ready for the evening entertainment. It would have been better for him had he not taken such an interest in the young woman. Before he had finished talking he was surprised to hear three or four other girls giggling.

"What do you mean by trying to break up our club?" asked one of the voices on the line.

The young man was dumfounded at the turn of affairs and began an explanation. It was too late.

When he started to hang up the receiver he could hear in chorus, "We'll get even with you for this."

The young men are determined to break up the club. In fact, two have made small bets with friends that they will break up the club before the next month.

The girls are apprised of the youths' intentions and are equally determined that they will keep the club intact until the close of the winter season.

UTILE DULCI SOCIETAS SPENDS PLEASANT EVENING

The Utile Dulci Societas held its November meeting Thursday evening, at Freund's, on Tenth Street, near New York Avenue. The rooms were very prettily decorated with university and society pennants.

All the members were present, and three guests shared the pleasures of the evening. The first part of the evening was devoted to informal greeting and a general conversation. Luncheon, well prepared, was nicely served. W. R. Barnesby furnished the music of the evening, and all participated in the university song, to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland." A paper entitled, "The Medical Students of the Class of 1907," was read by C. R. Wallace.

An address of welcome to the visitors was made by President J. R. Biggs.

The toasts of the evening were: "The Physician, Past, Present, and Future," by C. F. Bowyer; "Model Life of the College Man," by D. G. Willets; "Culture and its Relation to the Physician," by W. Y. Legg; "The Success of Our Society," by E. T. Stephenson; "Benefits Derived From Fraternal Societies," H. I. Stout.

Members present other than those taking part in the program were H. A. Meyer, T. H. Legg, W. J. Thomas, I. M. Costar, and H. V. Johnston. Visitors were: A. C. Garton, F. E. Prazier, and W. A. Mess.

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